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OUT OF CONTROL



Photograph by Hannah Boldt

These golf carts were formerly left unsecured. Now they're chained together with padlocks.

Pranks go too far if students don't consider consequences

Becca Robb
News Co-Editor

Dish soap in the Sammy fountain, water slides in the halls, dead animals in the bathroom—pranks are just harmless ways to blow off steam, right?

Several students clung to the careening golf cart as they fled the Campus Police. For the last six years, students have stolen university golf carts and embarked on joyrides around campus.

They drive the carts around campus, usually in the middle of the night, and then leave them scattered around the grounds. Often they are out of gas or drained of electricity and have to be removed on trailers.

"The first time that it happened, it

seemed like just that, just a random prank," said Donna Boatwright, director of conferences and special events. "It's frustrating for me, because I don't know if student development (takes any corrective measures) when we know basically who it is."

But this is not a prank. This is theft.

If Taylor chose to press charges, each student involved could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor, which entails a maximum of one year in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Each golf cart costs around \$7,000 when new, but Boatwright said she might sell a damaged golf cart for \$900.

"One of them I literally just had to almost give away, it was in such bad shape," Boatwright said. "I've got two more ready to sell, but they're worth way less than market

value at this point because they get so damaged with the four-wheeling and everything."

One golf cart was never found. Because the conference program does not receive any compensation to help with repairs, the program must dig the funds out of its own budget.

"The conference program is designed to help offset tuition," Boatwright said. "But the little bit of money we get to run that, I have to use to make repairs to golf carts."

These incidents also require police investigations and grounds repairs, which add to the total cleanup cost. Last spring, grounds workers had to fix ruts and reseed flowerbeds that the golf carts damaged.

Facilities services director Greg Eley said this degree of destruction is not typical of Taylor students.

Chief of Police Jeff Wallace encouraged students to talk with him if they aren't sure about carrying out an escapade. He said that campus pranks, to an extent, are part of the college experience.

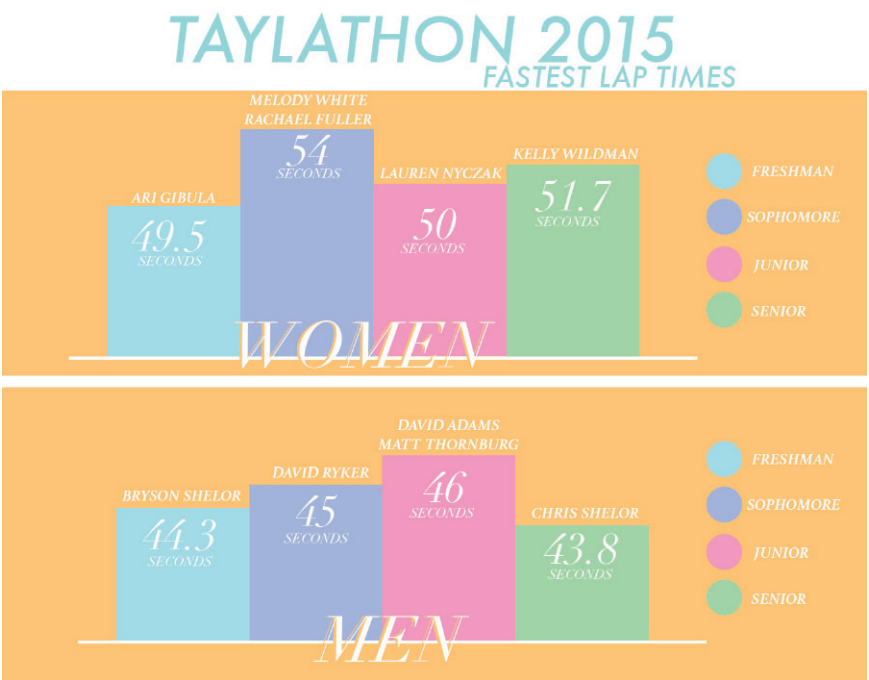
"There is nothing wrong with good, fun college shenanigans... as long as people or property don't get hurt in the process," Wallace said.

Wallace encouraged students to treat Taylor's campus as they would treat somebody's house. It may be easy to think the Taylor administration can just absorb the costs, but the funds don't come out of thin air.

"I know some students feel like, 'Well, I pay enough. I should be able to do whatever I want,'" Boatwright said. "But I would pray that's not common."

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THIS WEEK BY THE NUMBERS



Room drop

They don't stalk Facebook; room assignments are based off of submitted surveys

Cassidy Grom
News Co-Editor

Six weeks ago, many first year students spent their first night in the dorms a few feet away from a snoring stranger.

Now, mere weeks later, freshman answer the question "Where are you from?" with the name of a residence hall instead of their hometown. They sit with their wing or floor in chapel and the DC and the stranger sleeping beside them has become at least a little less strange.

Students speculate that, like an all-knowing genie, administration does its best to stereotype new students and place them in residence halls and with roommates that fit their personalities. Students who move halls or switch roommates are just an unfortunate glitch in the magic.

Yet, there is no magic involved. Roommate pairs are based purely off a 10 question survey and residence hall assignments are based on a list of three preferences new students provide before they come to campus.

Scott Barrett and Lori Slater are in charge of assigning roommates and residence halls to new students.

"We are aware that students have perceptions about each residence hall," said Barrett, director of residence life. "We value the experiences and opportunities available in each community and do our best not to perpetuate these stereotypes in the work that we do. Thinking about these stereotypes is not part of the housing assignment process."

Sophomore Mikal Lake said he listed Wengatz, Samuel Morris and Breuninger as his top three choices on his new student housing application. Lake was placed in Swallow Robin. He speculates that he didn't get his top choices because he turned his housing application in rather late.

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Roth and Heiniger's mothers didn't know each other before becoming roommates Taylor. Years later, they would live in houses side-by-side.

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Lake found a roommate in Samuel Morris and switched to Broho for his sophomore year. He said he enjoyed the “quiet” community of Swallow, but decided to join Broho because he wanted to be around a group of people who were more active.

“You don’t really know (about perceived stereotypes) until you are here,” Lake said. “Unless you know someone who went to Taylor all four years and can tell you exactly what the stereotypes are.”

According to Barrett, 25 percent of space in each hall is reserved for new students before room draw takes place for returning students. Barrett said his office does not track students who, like Lake, switch after their freshman year.

Some students forego the process that pairs roommates based on questions like “What kind of music do you prefer?” and “Are you a heavy or light sleeper” and instead choose to pick their own.

Freshman roommates Abbie Roth and Jordan Heiniger live in Second West Olson. They were among the 95 applicants for the 2015–16 academic year who requested a specific roommate. Roth and Heiniger are an anomaly; their mothers were roommates in Olson and their families have lived side by side in the same cul-de-sac in Fishers, Indiana for 18 years.

The pair’s mothers lived on Third East Olson and both married Taylor graduates, but the pair says their parents never pressured them to live in Olson or even to attend Taylor.

“It is just nice to have (Roth) here, in the midst of everything else that is out of our comfort zone; it is just great to have her here,” said Heiniger.

Yet for the students who don’t room with an old friend, they must rely on the system.

“There will always be exceptions to the rule, but Taylor does a really really great job pairing people up,” said senior Josh Vahle. “You see a lot of people who stick (with) the same roommate for four years. Or you see people become (someone’s) maid of honor or see those connections last.”

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Freshmen Abbie Roth (left) and Jordan Heiniger (right) are roommates in Olson Hall, just like their mothers.

Care conference

The Honors Guild’s annual conference is this Saturday and there are donuts

Brecken Mumford
Contributor

Taylor will be hosting its annual Honors Conference tomorrow—this year’s theme is Care: Vulnerable Children and Viable Communities.

The Honors Guild and Village Tree are planning the conference together this year in order to support the Village Tree and other initiatives such as the Orphans and Vulnerable Children minor.

The first keynote speaker, Pastor Johnny Carr, will begin the conference in Odle at 9:30 a.m. Carr was a

THE ECHO incorrectly printed that junior Jayne Reinhiller said about half of Choros members identify as LGBT. We sincerely apologize for any hurt or confusion this misstatement may have caused.

full-time minister and served as the first national director of church partnership at Bethany Christian Services, one of the leading adoption and orphan care agencies in the U.S.

“I will be sharing from my heart this weekend,” Carr said. “Since I have taken some time off of full-time orphan care and adoption work it has given me time to reflect and gather some thoughts about my last eight years of working full time in that area.”

This first session will be followed by coffee and donuts. Those who missed the morning keynote presentation will still be able to register for the rest of the day at this time.

There will also be an exhibit hall open in the KSAC throughout the day. The exhibit hall will include representatives from agencies and organizations involved in many issues, such as adoption, foster care, AIDS/HIV prevention, and human trafficking prevention.

The exhibit hall will also have handmade crafts and other items for sale. Amy Peterson, assistant director of honors programming, hopes people will take the time to explore the

different organizations working to support the vulnerable by building viable communities.

Breakout sessions will begin at 11:30 a.m. These sessions will be led by social justice advocates Sharen Ford, Carissa Woodwyk and Taylor alumni Jeromy Smith (’96) and J.R. Briggs (’01). These breakout sessions will be held a second time in the afternoon.

At 1:30 p.m. Jena Lee Nardella will lead another keynote session in Odle Arena. Nardella is the co-founder and executive director for Blood:Water Mission, a non-profit organization which seeks to overcome the water and HIV/AIDS crises in Africa.

Following the second round of breakout sessions, Susan Hillis, the senior director for global health at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, will deliver the final keynote session at 4:15 p.m.

Husband-wife duo Jenny & Tyler will conclude the conference with a concert in the Student Union at 8 p.m. The duo was asked to perform because of their commitment to social justice and activism. Peterson talked about how Jenny & Tyler wrestle with

Care conference Camelbaks cost \$5 each and come in several colors.

issues like poverty, injustice and apathy in their music.

“They are committed to compassion, charity and justice, evidenced, in part, through their ongoing support of International Justice Mission, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending human-trafficking throughout the world,” said Peterson.

Senior Taylor Temple, a student co-director of the CARE Conference, said she looks forward to the events of the conference and encourages students to register and attend. Students are still able to register today even if they are unable to attend the entire conference.

The Honors Guild as well as The Village Tree are looking forward to the changes and discussions on Taylor’s campus following the conference.

“We hope that the conference will be meaningful to all students as they consider how their vocations might connect with caring for the vulnerable locally, nationally and internationally,” Peterson said.

More information about the conference, the speakers and their organizations can be found at <http://tuhonorsconference.com>.

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Russia forms new Axis of Power

Russia reaches an agreement in the fight against ISIS

Joseph Johns
Staff Writer

The Iraqi Joint Operations Command has promised the country will “help and cooperate in collecting information about the terrorist group (ISIS), according to Al-Jazeera.

The Iraqi military will be coordinating with the governments of Syria, Iran and Russia in fighting against ISIS. It is not yet clear as to what extent intelligence will be shared among such a diverse and fractious group, but it is clear that all of these nations have found common ground on which to unite against ISIS.

The main goal of this cooperation is the removal of ISIS as a viable threat to the respective interests of each country.

Each country has its own caveats, desires, and agendas. Russia, Iraq, and Iran are mainly concerned with Syria, since that is where the majority of ISIS militants are located.

Russia also has a significant military presence in Syria, according to the Guardian. This military presence has come under question since Russia has overtly stated political goals in Syria to keep Bashar Al-Assad, the current leader of Syria, in power.

Russia is the first country that is privy to the intelligence-sharing operation. Russia’s involvement is consistent with its leaders prioritizing a tangible involvement in the Middle East.

Foreign Policy reported that “Russia’s role is growing not because Russia wants a greater role. Putin doesn’t want a greater role,” said Segey Markov, a political science professor at the Russian Institute of Political Studies. “Russia just has to fill the vacuum that is left by the departure of the United States.”

Prior to the rise of ISIS in Iraq, the United States concluded Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, which deposed Saddam Hussein

and left a power vacuum in the region. This power vacuum forced Iraq to rely more heavily on its regional neighbors for military aid against the hostile ISIS group.

CBS reports that Iraq has long had close ties with neighboring Iran and has coordinated with Tehran in fighting the advance of ISIS. Iraq has lost one-third of its territory to ISIS in the last year and wants to topple ISIS to protect its oil supply, which has been systematically destroyed by ISIS.

Iran’s motivation to cooperate against ISIS is understood within the two-prong framework.

The first is that Iran is an economically ostracized country trying to gain acceptance and legitimacy in the eyes of the international community once again.

The second prong is that Iran hopes to fight what the world sees as the most potent threat to peace and security in the region.

Iran also wants to maintain its power and influence after fighting against ISIS, according to Institute for the Study of War. This forces the nation to not tip its hand too far in any one direction, so as to not offend the West or Iran’s Arab neighbors.

According to the Council on Foreign Relations, the Syrian regime under Bashar al-Assad has an unofficial non-aggression pact with the Islamic State, since both entities are fighting against the Free Syrian Army.

America has a significant interest in seeing ISIS decline since the terrorist group has proved to be hostile toward Western interests, forming alliances with such groups as Boko Haram in the Maghreb, which believe Western education is a sin, according to BBC.

This cooperative intelligence sharing mission against ISIS is the first time that fractious countries have united against a common threat in the region, showing the level of concern that ISIS is causing other nations in the Middle East.

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Syrians protest against Russia, China, Iran, Hezbollah, and the Assad Regime.

Obama and Putin in a battle of words

Obama meets Putin at the U.N. summit to discuss policy concerning Syria

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World/National Editor

The U.S. and Russia have long opposed each other on the world stage, but the antagonism reached a peak when the leaders of the two nations met this week at the U.N. Summit. Russian president Vladimir Putin and U.S. president Barack Obama traded words in a verbal battle on key policy issues. Amidst all their talk two issues stuck out: Syria and Crimea.

Although Russia has been ostracized by the West because of its actions in Ukraine and the Middle East, Putin’s speech before the U.N. can be seen as a loss for Obama because of the idea that Russia may once again become a key player in the international community. Many analysts, including senator Marco Rubio (R-Fl.), dubbed the meeting a win for Putin. Rubio claims that Obama played into Putin’s allegation that the U.S. had failed in world leadership, especially in the Middle East.

Describing the conditions of the states surrounding Syria, Rubio said, “If left with a choice between Russia and nothing, they’re going to choose Russia,” reported CNN.

Whether or not Rubio is correct, the meeting between Obama and Putin brought out some interesting aspects of each country’s policy as seen by both leaders.

Opening up the talks, Obama echoed his administration’s disapproval of Syrian president Bashar al-Assad for war crimes he committed against his own people at the start of the Syrian civil war. In his speech, Obama said that the U.S. is willing to work with any country to resolve conflict, but that there can be no return to the prewar status quo in Syria because of the bloodshed and atrocities that took place.

Putin remained steadfast in his support for Assad. He noted that the West should realize there has been no greater force fighting against the Islamist State of Iraq and Levant (ISIS) than Assad’s forces and the Kurdish military. Putin expressed that his country feels threatened by the activities of ISIS because of its large Muslim population.

Putin’s claims are not without



Photograph provided by Breitbart.com

Obama shakes Putin’s hand at the U.N. summit held last weekend.

reason. Russia has recently experienced a growth in its Muslim population. Social and political demands, including the call to build more mosques, from the Muslim community have left the country looking for solutions to “the Muslim problem.” The government fears that Russian Muslims may contribute to separatist movements and anti-Kremlin forces. They also see the Middle East as a possible aid to those who wish to see Kremlin weakened.

“Muslim leaders and human rights advocates say that Russia’s often brutal approach has also added to the appeal of the Islamic State, with the Russian authorities saying recently that hundreds of Russian Muslims have gone to Syria,” reported New York Times.

Obama then reiterated his disapproval of Russia’s annexation of Crimea through the use of Russian rebels. Obama posited that better avenues could have been used to smooth out the ethnic and political differences in Crimea. The president said that diplomacy is always better than violence.

Countering Obama’s accusations of violence, Putin quickly pointed to some of the faults of the U.S. and the West. Putin specifically alluded to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and the Western-backed rebellion in Libya that contributed to the political, economic and social weakening of the

Middle East. Putin also asserted that the European refugee crisis is directly related to the actions of the U.S. and the West.

After each leader had said his piece, they managed to find common ground. NBC news reports that Putin described his talk with Obama as constructive and open. Putin’s comment is testament to the fact that the two leaders reached a consensus that Russia and the U.S. can coordinate some of their operations in Syria.

Although it is unknown whether the accord between the U.S. and Russia will last long, Russia’s recent actions may overturn any progress in U.S.-Russia relations that may have stemmed from the meeting. Russia announced an intelligence agreement with Syria, Iraq, Iran and Hezbollah on Monday, Sept. 28, just days after the U.N. summit. This move, along with their recent bombings in Syria, may prove disadvantageous for Putin. The formation of the “axis of powers to battle ISIS” may bring back memories of the Axis during World War 2. While the two leaders spoke of coordinating their operations in Syria, Russia issued these bombings without any word to Washington.

For now, however, we can all take heart in the fact that the two world leaders are communicating—a sign that may mean better cooperation in the future.

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The heart of The Bridge

Cathy Kerton-Johnson’s vision turned reality

Brianna Kudisch
Contributor

Cathy Kerton-Johnson always dreamed of having a place filled with pretty things. When she saw Upland’s need for a central community gathering spot, she imagined a cozy place that would connect the two sides of the town. The resulting space is The Bridge cafe.

It’s a bright, open area filled with lights dangling from the ceiling. Shelves of worn books and nature photographs line the walls, giving off a comforting vibe. The aroma of coffee and tea steeps the air.

Kerton-Johnson’s vision was more than just a pretty place; she saw a real need for the community to gather.

“I wanted it to be a more neutral space for all people in the community to meet,” said Kerton-Johnson.

She recognized most spaces were separated: Taylor students connected with Taylor students and church members connected with other church members. Kerton-Johnson envisioned The Bridge as a place for the community to grow, meet and experience life together.

She wanted to foster that community by providing unique opportunities for community members of all life

stages. One way she makes this a reality is by celebrating the talent right here in Upland. The Bridge displays handcrafted items from community members’ Etsy shops. According to Kerton-Johnson, they’ve seen an increase in their sales.

“I felt like those people had to go outside of the town to actually show their work, and people didn’t really know what existed here,” Kerton-Johnson said.

Kerton-Johnson also created workshop evenings so people can share their skills. The Bridge is hosting a “Needles and Lattes” evening in October, which involves talented people coming in to teach a knitting and crocheting class. Kerton-Johnson also plans to start cooking classes this winter for students in the area.

The Bridge hosts early morning worship on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Kerton-Johnson explained it as “a time of worship, to soak in God’s presence without an agenda.”

The worship mornings attract about forty people each week, despite the 7 a.m. start. Freshman Ari Gibula regularly attends the worship mornings.

“It’s teaching me to be content with resting in the peace of the Holy Spirit and listening to where He’s moving,” Gibula says.

Unlike previous attempts at local business startups, The Bridge was

able to stay in business throughout the summer, thanks to the core group of people who continued to host regular meetings there.

When the cafe first opened its doors in March, skepticism ran high. Locals believed it would simply be a Taylor student cafe, creating initial disinterest among the community. On the contrary, Kerton-Johnson has seen many people walk through the doors—from families with kids to students to elderly people. After hosting a summer game night, she saw people from a come together who, without the game night, wouldn’t have met.

Laura Bowell, who works at The Bridge, agreed that reactions to the cafe have been overwhelmingly positive. She remembers a couple from a Nordic country stumbled upon the cafe during a visit to the States. They were really excited about the French baguettes, and even declared them to be the best baguettes they’ve had outside of their country.

As for future plans, Kerton-Johnson hopes to create an outdoor seating area by next spring or summer. She also intends to add more dishes to the menu. In the immediate future, they will be hosting a fall-themed Saturday Morning Village Market on Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in its parking lot. The market will include food, as well as arts and crafts from local artisans.

Kerton-Johnson’s original idea was a place for people to meet, chat and connect—and The Bridge has fit that vision perfectly. She explains it as “snapshots of what I’ve pictured

in my mind.” The Bridge remains a cozy, welcoming hideaway for the whole community, creating a bridge to bring Upland together.

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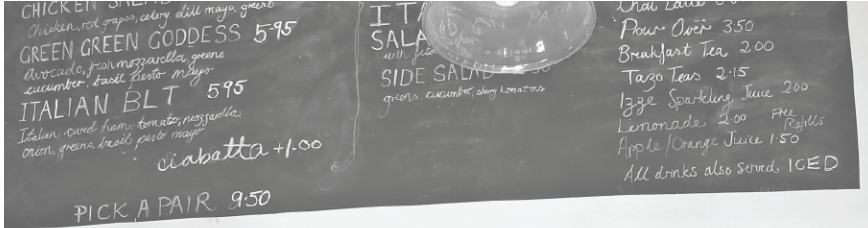


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The Bridge offers a variety of homemade meals, coffee and tea—all in a cozy environment.

MELONS, GOURDS AND RUNNING BOYS

A look into one of Taylor's most popular traditions

Eric Andrews
Contributor

Horses, coffins and Noah's Ark are not exactly commonplace when it comes to entering chapel . . . unless, of course, you are a man of Third West Wengatz during the week of Melon and Gourd.

Today marks the 23rd year of one of Taylor's most famous annual traditions. Originally started by two freshmen in 1993, the game has now taken on a life of its own on Third West.

"The hype is real. It's almost too much to handle. Your heart is racing," said freshman Sam Martinez. "It controls your life. You can't think about anything else."

Melon and Gourd, at its core, is a glorified game of tag. What distinguishes Melon and Gourd from a normal game of tag is the awkwardly large melon and gourd carried by the Third Westers that are "it."

The rules for the game are straightforward. The instant a Third Wester steps outside or takes his hand off of a door handle, he is fair game to be tagged. Get tagged . . . you're it! The unlucky man now has the privilege of hauling around a hefty piece of produce. The two men unfortunate enough to be stuck with the melon and gourd at 10 a.m. on Friday are required to take a bite of the war-battered produce at Oktoberfest, Third West's most prestigious pick-a-date, a week after Melon and Gourd concludes.

The game kicked off on Monday morning with the Midnight Run where freshmen and "manly"

upperclassmen run to the Sammy statues and back, all while avoiding the PAs and the nightmare-inducing melon and gourd carriers. The game continues day and night throughout the week until the precarious moments leading up to chapel on Friday morning. In the history of Melon and Gourd,

there has been just one man—Josh Chapman ('14)—who managed to avoid the melon and never get tagged, four years straight.

Nothing can inhibit a Third Wester's drive for freedom during Melon and Gourd week. Junior Robbie Brandkamp was rushed to a Blackford Hospital in Hartford City

Monday evening after jumping off a high ledge in an effort to escape the gourd, breaking his elbow as a result. An instance like this, though unfortunate, are one of the many ways Third Westers bond throughout the week.

"It's crazy how a simple game of tag can unite a ton of guys," said senior Parker O'Leary. "As stressful as it is, everybody is going through it together."

Success on Friday is the end goal. Nothing is off limits for the grand finale—the Friday entrances. If you get through that door you have earned your freedom. Today, we saw everything from the subtle sneak-in to a ninja flashmob.

"We don't just keep this tradition going every year because we find it fun or because it is a campus favorite,"

senior PA David Wright said. "We keep it going because Melon and Gourd strengthens us Third Westers as a community. We desire to live 'for the glory of God and the joy of Third West.' Melon and Gourd helps us do just that."

"The hype is real. It's almost too much to handle. Your heart is racing. It controls your life. You can't think about anything else."

It's a less-hungry Hunger Games, but an equally brutal fight to the death. So Third West, may the odds be ever in your favor.

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Photograph by Mindy Wildman

The weary men of Third West look forward to the end of Melon and Gourd Week.

Fall-ing in love

Making the most of autumn at Taylor

Chrysa Keenon
Contributor

As the weather gets cooler, it may seem like the number of outside activities available are going down with the temperature. However, students all across campus are finding ways to

make the most of fall.

"Hammocking is a great way to spend a relaxing day," sophomore Isaac Beaverson said.

Junior Ashley Miley says that as the trees change color, her favorite pastime is taking pictures of the beautiful scenery by herself. Taking pictures is a fun and peaceful way to spend quality time outside.

Victory Acres is also available to

Taylor students as an outreach opportunity and fun fall activity. As a non-profit ministry organization in Upland, Victory Acres works with members of the surrounding Indianapolis areas. They grow, harvest and sell organic food to the community. Victory Acres gives money back to low-income families who volunteer at the farm.

Sophomore Taylor Puitz recalled

how she worked for a day at the farm, picking crops and tending the greenhouse. "I had such an enjoyable time, I want to go back again soon," Puitz said. Victory Acres is based in Upland and is a popular place, especially on weekends.

Fall also offers other classic activities. "I love bonfires and hayrides; they are a great way to hang out with friends and make good memories," freshman BreAnna Arnold said.

Though bonfires are allowed only in specific areas on campus, you can produce the same effect anywhere by gathering around a laptop with a video loop of a crackling fire. (Almost.)

Either way, these sweet memories can be made with a touch of creativity.

It's also rewarding to take a journey back into the Taylor wilderness and enjoy the fall weather.

Yet for students who prefer the indoors, finding an escape may be difficult. But if in the mood for a warm drink to go along with your oversized sweater, the Jumping Bean offers special fall-themed drinks. Cozying up with friends in the Student Union is the perfect way to spend breaks between classes.

As lovely as Taylor is in the fall, leaving campus on the weekends has benefits. If you're looking to put a few miles between you and campus, autumn-themed adventures are only a car drive away.

Just a few miles off campus, Perry's Archery Center is located in Hartford City and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. (Just be sure not to aim at any other people.)

Another favorite destination is Pumpkin Kingdom. Sophomore Taylor Tertocha went there for her first pick-a-date. She indulged in eating kettle corn, drinking apple cider and strolling around the pumpkin patch. Located in Montpelier, Pumpkin Kingdom is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 6 p.m.

"Spending time in an apple orchard is a favorite pastime," freshman Chris Arpin said.

Eating fresh orchard apples is a delicious option, as well as buying delicacies like apple butter, jam, and syrup. Visit Cook's Orchard in Fort Wayne, open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Be sure to ask around and include other students in activities; many students are from areas of the country or world where they may not have experienced autumn at all. Keep friends close and hearts warm during this chilly season.

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Photograph by Hannah Boldt

Students explore fall activities on and away from campus.

Grandma Gracie

From my rocking chair to your youthful glare

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Features Editor

Let’s be real—they don’t hand out senior stickers at the Grille like candy. It’s like moving. It’s a process and it takes time, but eventually you get there. My TU ID card, with my face barely visible, is evidence of a lengthy and well-worn career. In case you’ve yet to understand, I’m a senior, but I haven’t quite earned my retirement from this institution. I sit on the rockers in front of Campbell retirement home and watch as the new students, with their shiny ID cards, make their way around the loop and try to find their fit in this crazy place known as “university.”

This year, we’re going to talk about life. Whether you’re a senior resident or starting fresh, we’re all humans and we’ve got a lot to discover. I’m hoping you youngsters will send in questions for me to answer, but if not, we can simply discuss your crazy antics, as I see them from my front porch.

First things first, let’s tackle the art of making friends.

I’ve lived in Campbell’s retirement community for a little over a month now and despite the belief that those who achieve senior status at this institution are suddenly finished making friends, this is a lie. I’m telling you, with every gray hair on my head—making friends is a skill needed for life.

What are some tips for making friends, you ask? Well, here are four

of Grandma Gracie’s famous friendship tips:

Tip one: Learn from the kids on the playground

Remember that kid on the playground who approached you and asked the age old question, “Want to be my friend?” Learn from them. While you all seem like children to me, learn from the younger kids. They know what they’re talking about. Just think about phrasing it a little differently. You don’t want to sound needy. In college kid terms, this essentially means taking initiative and taking risks, by asking someone to hang out.

Tip two: Be curious

In my long life, I’ve learned the importance of making others feel important. Making friends means taking interest in people. Ask them about their day. Remember something they said they were going to do last weekend and ask them how it went. Say it. Out loud. Like your good mother taught you.

Tip three: Remember we’re all mortals

While you may be afraid of branching out from your friendship circles and meeting new people outside of your invisible safety zone, remember that seeking friendship and taking initiative will not result in the loss of your limbs. In the event that you do lose a limb, I apologize as I am not updated with the “hip” culture today. Don’t come crying to me if you lose yours. If you do, I will greet you with a hug and freshly baked cookies. Sorry, I’m a

grandma. But, like the rest of the world, I am also a mortal.

Tip four: You are cool

This is more of a pep talk than a tip, but you are cool. If you already think you’re God’s gift to humanity, cut the ego and try being cool to someone other than yourself. But for most of my grandchildren at this university (yes, you are my adopted kid-dos), you’re awesome, groovy, stellar and someone people should want to get to know. It’s their loss, not yours, if they don’t like the tropical flavored Starburst you bought them as a symbol of your friendship. Starbursts are “awesome,” as the kids say—and so are you.

I look forward to furthering this conversation this year as I share my advice with you folks. Remember to stay curious and ask people questions—including me. You might even get baked goods if your question is chosen. And please wave to me if you see me sitting on the porch of Campbell retirement home. I’d love to be your friend.

Sincerely,

Grandma Gracie

Send your questions and queries to grannygraceface@gmail.com.

I’m still figuring out this whole computer thing, but I’ll do my best to get back to you.



Dishing up advice like casserole.

“I’m good”

Better answers to Taylor’s most-asked question

Sarah Davis
Life and Times Co-Editor

Everyone at Taylor is so good. It’s truly incredible how well we’re all doing. There are the occasional few who are “fine,” “well” and “pretty good” but for the most part, everyone is just really good.

“How are you?” is a kind question in its sincerest form. But the potential it holds for genuine conversation is fairly limited. Of course as a greeting, it’s nice and even necessary. But the casual and repetitive, “I’m good, how are you?” can leave us exhausted and bored with perfectly well-meaning friends. So what’s a Taylor student to do when we’re doing well, but don’t want to stunt conversation? And even more,

what are we to say when we’re not actually that good?

Here are some responses to that impending “How are you?” in the hopes of starting a few more thoughtful conversations.

If you’re actually doing well:

“I’m real peachy.” (People will think you are kidding, so you’ll have to say, “No really. I am peachy,” and then explain why.)

“I’m as happy as a freshman with a Grille cookie.”

“I’m just joyful and happy and feeling real solid about everything.”

Sing a song about how great you are.

“I’m happy as a clam.”

“The Lord is good to me.”

If you’re not too good:

“I’ve been peachier.”

“Today’s been a little rough and I

need a Grille cookie.”

“You know, I’m breathing and I’m thankful for that.”

“I’ve wanted to be in my bed all day, but I haven’t been in my bed all day. So that’s been kind of hard.”

“My legs are just really sick of walking around.”

Sing a somber melody.

“I’m happy as a sad clam.”

“The Lord is good to me.”

If the day was pretty uneventful, but you’re just feeling awkward:

“I’ll be honest, today has been pretty weird for me.”

“You too!” (This is a nice and confusing way to throw someone off.)

Sing a song about how you uncomfortable you feel.

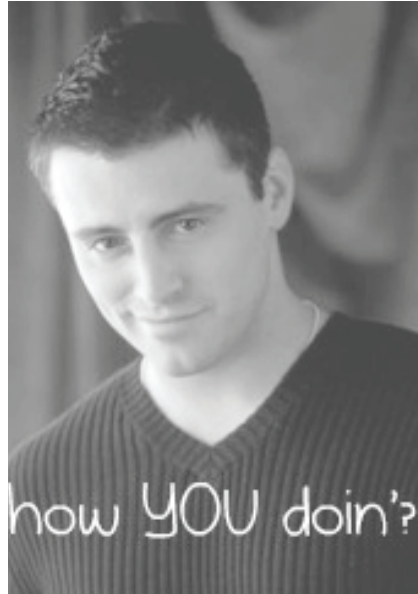
“I’m having a fairly awkward day, but it’s okay because I know I have friends and I’m great, and the way I act around the opposite gender does not determine how cool I am.”

“The Lord is good to me.”

Somewhere between “good” and your testimony, there are perfect, genuine answers to this common

question. But continuing to neglect an honest response only cultivates more small talk. Whether you are funny or serious in your approach, keep in mind your audience. And remember to just be honest. Saying “I’m good” every time isn’t always good.

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A true friend asks. A truer friend answers honestly.

#TaylorU’s TOP TWEETS

danielle solis @daniamariesolis
I may not have breakfast in my meal plan but at least I have Nutella #tayloru

Max Partain™ @Thruppster
Here’s something I don’t understand about Taylor: your laptop is totally safe but anything with wheels is free game to steal. #tayloru

Abbie Brewer @abrewer01894
The guy who just settled in next to me in the library brought 3 packs of Starburst. #movingin #prepforalongnight #tayloru

Meghan Sulka™ @mynamismeghan_
It wasn’t until college that I had to eat a salad with a spoon #tayloru

Brecken Mumford @breckydo
My professor is so cool he’s been to two @twentyonepilots concerts and references them during class. #win #tayloru

Lydia Burchett @LydiaBurchett3
It feels like fall, it’s melon and gourd week, and BroHo just sang to us! Life is good #LTB #MandG2k15 #tayloru

taylor stevens @tatty_stevv
Only at @tayloru would you ask your professor to move your 9am class to 8am so you can watch @melon_gourd on Friday #tayloru

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Brace yourself: the worm covered sidewalks, boys with fruits n veggies, and literally every girl with army green jackets are coming #tayloru

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Blending secular and sacred



Leon Harshenin explored the value of secular music during his sabbatical.

Taylor professor studies classical piano literature in worship services

Laura Koenig
Staff Writer

Would you rather listen to sacred or secular music? Would you rather hear a worshipful hymn arrangement or an entertaining classical piece?

There would appear to be two opposite ends to this spectrum, but professor of music and pianist Leon Harshenin does not treat these two musical categories as choices in a game of “would you rather.” Instead, he spent his sabbatical last spring researching the place of classical piano literature in worship services.

After experiencing his church’s desire to keep classical music out of the worship service, Harshenin proposed two central questions that became the building blocks for his sabbatical research: Is classical/concert piano music appropriate for worship services? If so, what are some guidelines for choosing such a repertoire?

Harshenin reflected on these questions and on how the creativity of the composers can reflect back to God’s splendor.

“I think the handiwork of people can also declare the glory of God because we are made in His image,” Harshenin said. “God is the creator. The important part of being made in His image is that we create because He created us.”

While reading books, writing handouts and articles, preparing excerpts and interviewing directors and theologians, Harshenin explored the essence of worship in the church and how classical

music can be used in this context. He categorized his findings by answering three main objections of including classical piano music in worship services. He then backed his findings with Scripture to give biblical authority instead of just his opinions.

Harshenin organized all of his points and gave suggestions for how to choose appropriate classical pieces for worship. He hopes that this research will equip teachers and musicians to combat the need to divide music into the sacred and secular categories.

“I want those teachers to have tools in their hands, arguments in their hands, to make the case for allowing students to play pieces they have been working on,” Harshenin said.

As Harshenin conducted his research, he talked to several people in his church to understand how they felt about the classical arrangements being played during the services. Many had positive feedback. One member, Morris Jennings, described his experience with this kind of music.

“It’s fresh and uplifting—a new experience,” Jennings said. He feels “a thankfulness to the Lord that someone is capable of doing that (composing and playing).”

Harshenin believes that classical piano literature can point to God’s glory, leaving us in awe and in a state of worship. His research provides the tools and Scripture evidence to prove that there is a place for this music in the church.

Harshenin will be presenting his research and findings while playing excerpts of example pieces on Monday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 pm in the Butz-Carruth Recital Hall. echo@taylor.edu

Behind the soundboard

Taylor graduate mixing audio for Jenny & Tyler tour

Austin Lindner
A&E Editor

With the lights throwing hues on the musicians and the hum of electricity rolling through the amplifiers, a concert breathes like a living beast.

When every spotlight and face in the crowd is turned toward the stage, you might not notice the person standing in the back of the room.

The person behind the soundboard controls every instrument, voice and synthesizer onstage. He or she collects every strand of sound, making sure they are released in balance and beauty. This is the role of the front-of-house engineer, and on Saturday at the Jenny & Tyler concert, this role will belong to Trent Stegink, (’15).

During his time at Taylor, Stegink studied film and media production with a concentration in audio production. Hoping to work in live engineering for touring bands and artists, he spent a semester at the Contemporary Music Center (CMC) in Nashville, learning basic audio mixing skills alongside industry professionals.

“Pretty much since middle school my dream job has been to do something in terms of live production on the road,” Stegink said.

That dream came true this summer when he began providing live audio support during weekend touring events for bands like Remedy Drive.

After working for the summer with a company called CTS Audio and mixing for several music festivals, Stegink got in touch with pop-folk band Jenny & Tyler through fellow CMC students.

Jenny & Tyler consists of married singer-songwriters Jenny and Tyler Somers. Since 2007 they have independently released four albums, garnering a following with their smooth harmonies, folk influences and acoustic pop style. After signing with Residence Music, the duo will release their first label-produced album on Oct. 16.

Stegink signed with the group during the summer for a fall tour as a live audio engineer, meaning he provides sound and line checks for the band, mixes the live show and serves as the last person to sign off on everything tech-related.

As a self-identified “metalhead,” Stegink admits that the duo’s music is outside of his typical preference, although he sees the value in their art. “I look at it as a way to broaden my horizons,” Stegink said. “It wouldn’t be the first type of music I would listen to but I’m still totally excited to run a show for them every night.”

Having spent the past week stuffed in a Sprinter van with ten members of the band and production team, Stegink has gotten to know Jenny and Tyler on a more personal basis, as well as their two daughters, who have been touring with them.

Even after bumps in the road, such as rushed set-up times and a broken van window, Stegink has taken away valuable lessons from the duo, both in audio and life.

“When I think of Jenny and Tyler the word passionate comes to mind,” Stegink said. “Their passion in their care toward each other is really evident; their passion and their care towards their music really shows. In terms of audio, I’ve learned that there isn’t one magic fix for every problem. You always have to be willing to adapt and try new things.”

However, over the past few days, Stegink was also able to see the

artists operate as people and as a family unit. He was impressed by their ability to maintain time and space for each other and their children.

He reports that in preparation for the tour the Somers reserved some evenings apart from their team in order to focus on their children.

“The road can be isolating and draining, so being intentional about still being a family is really cool to see,” he said.

On Saturday, that same road will be leading Stegink back to the college he graduated from just a few months ago. Stegink didn’t expect to be returning to his alma mater so soon, but he admits that the stop at Taylor University did influence his decision to join the tour.

According to Stegink, he hopes he has the opportunity to influence students in the Media Communication department to persevere with even the mundane aspects of their coursework.

“(I want) to be able to come back and tell someone in Media Comm, ‘Look, get through it. Yeah, editing for Narrative at three in the morning might not be the most fun thing in the world but eventually you will be able to do what you actually want to do,’” he said.

For Stegink, that has always been standing behind the soundboard with the music at his fingertips.

The Jenny & Tyler concert will take place in the Student Union at 8 p.m. tomorrow. Tickets are \$5.

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Photograph by Trent Stegink

Trent Stegink (’15) mixes the audio for the Jenny & Tyler tour.



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Pop-folk duo Jenny & Tyler blend uplifting lyrics with smooth harmonies.

Readeemed

Seven books to make your downtime your launch time

Nichole Parks
Contributor

I get it, the toll of textbooks. I really do. You’re speaking with a card-carrying member of the Netflix library. I mean, since Law & Order: SVU dedicates many an episode to social commentary, there’s really no need to read a book on the subject. And why check out books when checking out James Lafferty and James Wolk on the screen requires attention without the need for retention?

As it turns out, Zondervan Library has the answer. Not inside on the shelves. But outside etched in huge letters. Basically, it’s about how entertainment either belongs to the hour or to all time.

I’m pretty sure I know where an episode of Grey’s Anatomy fits.

Next time the Internet crashes or you have downtime, here’s a list of

seven books (in no particular order) that can make your life if you give them the time of day.

1. HATCH! Brainstorming Secrets of a Theme Park Designer by C. McNair Wilson

Find out how the Tower of Terror came to be and, more importantly, how to facilitate the kind of brainstorming get-together that could lead to similar big ideas. Creativity rules. Negativity drools. By following McNair’s 7 Agreements of Brainstorming, kick your next group project up a notch, discover how to wrangle budgets to fit big dreams and be thoroughly entertained by McNair’s doodles and anecdotes along the way.

When it comes to problem solving, you won’t find a better book. And while you won’t want to miss a single story, McNair designed HATCH with chapter summaries for a cram session or refresher.

2. Linchpin: Are You Indispensable? by Seth Godin

Blink and you’ll be graduated and hoping to impress employers. Before you get that far, you’ll want to highlight the Dickens out of Seth Godin’s professional and personal advice on how to become not only an indispensable employee but an indispensable person.

3. Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey

Obtaining a debt-free lifestyle, let alone graduating from college without any student loans, sounds like fiction. But it can be fact. It can be your future.

Ramsey pops 10 money myths, shares shrewd stewardship on how to knock out debt and stay debt-free on a zero-based budget. Most of the books on this list are about improving your life, but this one is about changing your legacy.

4. Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank B. Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey

Steven Martin has nothing on Mr. Gilbreth, the great efficiency expert. This collection of escapades from the Gilbreth clan are a hilarious treasure trove with family values at the heart.

5. Jesus in the 9 to 5 by Dennis E. Hensley

Being an indispensable employee is one thing. Being an indispensable Christian is another. Why not learn from the best?

Dennis E. Hensley tells a modern-day allegory of Jesus in the workforce and how you can follow His business practices.

6. Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires; The Respect He Desperately Needs by Emerson Eggerichs

Regardless of your relationship status, it’s complicated. You interact with the opposite sex in some way every day. Communication can quickly become miscommunication. Before you know it, the crazy cycle starts. She’s disrespectful to him. He’s unloving to her. Bada bing, bada boom, big fight.

Eggerichs’ biblical approach cultivates empathy and enriches relationships—romantic or not.

7. Calvin & Hobbes by Bill Watterson

Don’t take reading so seriously. The comic “Calvin and Hobbes” is the perfect read for in-between classes or weekend relaxation. It represents a perfect balance of deep philosophical questions and childish mirth. And just like my dad did with me, you’ll want to share the comic with your family.

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These seven books serve as more than just entertainment.

“Next time the Internet crashes or you have downtime, here’s a list of seven books (in no particular order) that can make your life if you give them the time of day.”

Readeemed

Do unto others

A response to LGBT adoption

Michael Nahrstadt
Contributor

I'd like to thank Dr. Meadors for his opinion published in last week's *Echo*. Taylor is committed to self-examination and critical thinking. Critical thinking cannot develop if we aren't willing to listen to one another. However, I must disagree with his position.

Many Christians' arguments against homosexuality stem from Leviticus 18:22, which states that homosexuality is an "abomination," and instructs readers and listeners not to "defile themselves" in that way, or any of the other ways listed in the remainder of the chapter. I believe that the Bible's wisdom is a reflection of the time in which it was written, and is representative of the best wisdom of that time. However, I do not accept that all its tenets are applicable to the modern world.

Scriptures condemning homosexuality often refer to it as a behavior. A recent scientific study by the University of Chicago, Northwestern University and the University of Miami (among others) presented data that

strongly suggest that sexual orientation is genetic, at least in males. Assuming that sexual orientation is genetic, would the church be justified in barring homosexuals?

My answer is no, for the same reasons that we do not bar Africans, Asians or women from the church. All of us were created equal in the image of God.

Christianity is not about independent living. We practice our beliefs in the context of a community. Christianity, at its core, is about the Golden Rule—treating others how we want to be treated. Therefore, Christianity can't *only* be about strict obedience to the whole of the written law in the Bible. It has to be about our hearts and minds.

What of the role of parents in child development? Dr. Meadors suggests that it is not in a child's best psychological interest to have "parent 1" and "parent 2." In my research, I could not find scientific evidence either supporting or refuting this claim. I would like to point out, however, that stereotypical gender roles for parents are on the decline. Pew Research Center data shows that the number of "stay-at-home dads" rose from 1.1 million to 2 million, an almost twofold increase, from 1989 to 2012.

This data is part of a broader trend away from traditional parental gender roles, due in part to the

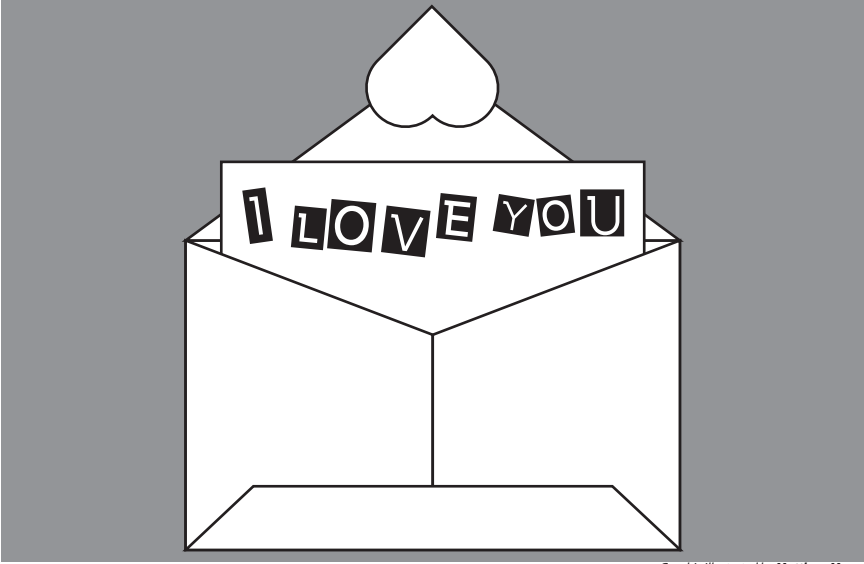
recent economic recession. Many families—47.7 percent of married households in 2014, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics—need both parents working to support the household. Is this not an example of society moving toward a "parent 1 and 2" reality?

Dr. Meadors asserts that marriage is a relationship of "Christ-like love," for the sake of not only the couple, but also their children. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data from 2012 shows that the United States has a divorce rate of nearly 40 percent. Of course, not all of these marriages are Christian ones, but according to Pew, 70.6 percent of Americans claimed to be Christian in 2014. In 1998, the "American Sociological Review" published data suggesting that while divorce does have a negative impact on children's mental development, most of the negative factors existed before the marriage was dissolved—the marriage itself was not actually a positive influence on the child's mental growth.

Though there are instances of absolute rights and absolute wrongs in the world, those instances are rare. Too often, we create villains out of those who do not share our beliefs, and cast ourselves as their victims. Homosexuality is a nuanced issue, one that deserves a broader discussion and involves more elements than can be properly addressed in this brief opinion article. I urge you to have an honest, intellectual debate on this issue with your peers, both Christian brothers and sisters and non-Christians alike.



A rise in stay-at-home dads demonstrates a shift in gender roles.



Graphic illustrated by Matthew Morse

Secret Admirers is okay. Online objectification is not.

We found love

Secret Admirers: We all like someone. Who are you creeping on?

Becca Robb
News Co-Editor

I am such a creeper. I recently spent 30 minutes scrolling through some girl's Facebook profile. We have no connection except her presence on the Taylor University Secret Admirers page (SA) and our dozens of mutual friends. #smallcollegeprobs

When I finished my stalking binge, I felt crummy. I'm not nearly as popular, trendy or clever as this girl. She seems way more exciting than I am. Honestly, she seems perfect.

I realized to my dismay that I was hard-core comparing myself to this girl. Even though SA may not be damaging in and of itself, it opens the door to a more sinister problem—Facebook stalking.

Because SA posts are anonymous, Facebook stalking doesn't seem to carry consequences. But Facebook stalking can offer us dangerous and sometimes ridiculous standards to measure ourselves against. Facebook stalking can hurt us.

There's nothing wrong with voicing a crush. I remember giving my friend a secret admirer letter when we were kids. "Your eyes are like mist rolling down the mountainside," declared my 9-year-old inner poet. (Let's hope this article reads better than that fateful letter.)

Online anonymity is different from an anonymous letter. Online personalities can create a distance between us and make people seem less human. An online profile shows only parts of someone's story.

People are not valued in terms of how many Facebook friends they

have, what movies they like or how artsy their profile picture is. Though online profiles try to squash people into lines of coding and two-dimensional photos, they can never fully represent us.

Two people can have almost identical Facebook profiles and be completely different in real life. People don't fit into boxes.

Ever. If we believe that people don't fit into boxes, then we need to start acting like we believe it. It's easy to curate our profiles to show our best side, but we can't be perfect. When we start to monitor our image online, our appearance can become more important than our substance.

Psychologists call this "self-objectification." Self-objectification strips away our personal dignity and leaves us as bare commodities to be used by others. This usually refers to objectifying our physical bodies, but it could also apply to us as whole people.

Remember your 8th grade literature lesson about dynamic vs. static characters? Me neither. So we'll go through it again: Static characters remain the same throughout the story, but dynamic characters adapt.

Let's be dynamic characters. Let's give ourselves room to grow and change. Let's live to our full potential, knowing that our online profiles are not equivalent to ourselves. Online profiles fall so short of capturing our innate depth and beauty. And that's ok.

If your name is engraved in the SA hall of fame, congrats. To be honest, it's kind of fun. But let's not get carried away. We can still be dynamic characters who aren't slaves to anyone's perceptions of us. We can be truth-telling, table-turning Taylor without being perfectly-profiled Taylor.

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American ignorance of global affairs

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When I came back to America from Ukraine in the summer of 2014, many people asked about the political situation. Some people had thoughtful questions and insights. Others asked whether Ukraine was east or west of Russia.

Most of these people were friendly enough, but they didn't care much about something so far away from their everyday lives. For many of us, that's exactly how the news seems: distant. Some people follow politics and the news because they find it interesting. But if you aren't one of those people, why should you care at all about things happening thousands of miles away? Life here and now is complicated enough.

Historically, people have rarely shown much interest in current events beyond their own borders. Even today, a Ukrainian grandmother

living in a village has little reason to be concerned with events anywhere much farther than the local city or town. She's much more concerned about her garden, cow, pigs, her neighbor across the muddy street or her son in the city.

Is it wrong for her to maintain such a narrow scope? No, not at all. Many of my Ukrainian friends have asked some pretty silly questions about America, but it never bothered me as much as the ignorance of Americans. Why? Why is it wrong for us if it's not wrong for them?

However, even in America, the weight of that responsibility is not distributed evenly.

I certainly hope none of my readers are surprised to learn they are not, in fact, Ukrainian grandmas. Ukrainians generally need only worry about their neighbors: Russia on

one side and the European Union on the other. Many other countries are in the same boat. This is not so with the United States.

We live in a great power of the modern world. There is no place on the globe that cannot feel our influence. Americans often fail to realize the inescapability of our own culture around the world. We are also fortunate enough to have been born in a country that takes into account the voices and votes of its citizens, granting each and every one of us a small degree of worldwide influence: a distribution of power unprecedented in human history. With power like that, we cannot afford to remain ignorant about the china shop we live in.

However, even in America, the weight of that responsibility is not distributed evenly. We as students should prioritize understanding current events and considering them in an informed way. We find ourselves in an incredibly privileged position. Few, even in the States, have access to the level of education we get. In the future, many of us will get the chance to exert

even more influence on the world than most average Americans.

That doesn't mean we all have to be experts, or do an exhaustive research project on every country on the map. By the time you finish, a few more will have popped up, anyway. But we should at least have a basic understanding of the big issues of our day, and the historical context that brought them about. Every one of us should be able to find Syria on a map and point to the main routes refugees are taking into Europe. Every one of us should be able to find Russia, China and (for goodness sakes) our own country on a map. If we knew where Ukraine is too, I wouldn't complain.

We should all have enough of an understanding of the broad issues and pressing questions in the world today to be able to handle political, social and cultural issues thoughtfully and carefully, recognizing the potential consequences of American actions and attitudes. It's all really just a part of being good neighbors.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Are you opinionated? Join the campus discussion by submitting your own letter-to-the-editor to liz_syson@taylor.edu by Wednesday at 5 p.m. Please keep the word count to 500-700 words.

“I am a firm believer that when you are having fun, you play better, and we definitely celebrated and played together well.”

Volleyball rakes Maple Leafs



Photograph by Shannon Smagala

Senior Justin Keys rushes into the end zone to give Taylor an early lead.

Taylor shuts out Olivet Nazarene

TU improves its record to 2–2

Lincoln Reed
Sports Editor

Taylor football annihilated Olivet Nazarene 40–0 on Saturday with a display of stellar offense and defense.

After receiving the opening kickoff, the Trojans proceeded to march the ball 82 yards down the field in

nine plays. Senior Justin Keys ran into the end zone on a three-yard rush to give the Trojans an early 7–0 lead.

Taylor controlled the remainder of the game in an impressive display of offense that earned the Trojans 189 yards rushing and 313 yards receiving. Junior Tim Barrett led the Trojans in rushing with 95 yards and senior Michael Miller had a career-high 174 yards receiving.

Taylor’s offensive strategy against Olivet featured a balanced combination of running and passing that hadn’t been present in the last two weeks.

“We really just focused on getting the run started,” Barrett said. “The last couple games against Butler and Saint Francis we were completely pass oriented, so this week we really wanted to focus on getting the run game started and that’s what we did.”

The second Trojan touchdown came in the waning minutes of the first quarter when redshirt freshman Everett Pollard completed a nine-yard pass to senior tight end Hans Lundberg within reach of the end zone. A forced fumble set the ball loose but senior Shawn Lashbrook recovered it in the end zone to put Taylor up 14–0.

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With 41 seconds left in the first quarter, senior safety Adam Sauder intercepted a pass and returned the ball for a touchdown. This is Sauder’s first interception of the 2015 season and the eighth in his career at Taylor.

After an impressive 20–0 lead after the first quarter, the Trojans continued a steady scoring pace on offense. The next Taylor touchdown came in the final seconds of

the second quarter when Pollard expertly completed a Hail Mary pass to Miller for a 43-yard touchdown. The barrage continued in the third quarter when Pollard connected with Lashbrook for a 28-yard touchdown with nine seconds left to play.

Pollard’s performance earned him the MSFA Mideast League’s Offensive Player of the Week. Pollard threw for a total of 297 yards and completed 20 out of 28 passes. This is the first time Pollard has earned the award in his career as a Trojan.

“He did an amazing job this weekend,” Miller said. “He distributed the ball well, stayed in the pocket when there was a lot of pressure.”

Junior quarterback Wilson Alexander entered the game during the fourth quarter and completed an 11-yard pass to senior Andrew Sheard to round out the Trojans’ lead to 40–0.

Taylor’s defense completed the shutout by allowing only 65 yards rushing and 135 yards receiving for Olivet Nazarene. The defense forced three turnovers and sophomore Austin Shope led Taylor with seven tackles.

“It was a shutout,” said head coach Ron Korfmacher. “That’s a big deal . . . there aren’t many shutouts. They are difficult to get. In college football, shutouts don’t come easy.”

The 40–0 win improves Taylor’s record to 2–2. The Trojans travel to St. Louis to play Missouri Baptist in an MFSA showdown beginning at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

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Sophomore Laura Craig serves an ace for the Trojans.

Volleyball rakes Maple Leafs

TU defeats Goshen 3-0 in Crossroads League matchup

Kyle Keck
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The Taylor volleyball team brought their brooms to Goshen as the Trojans swept the Maple Leafs 3–0 on Saturday afternoon.

The Crossroads League match featured an aggressive offensive performance by the Trojans. Taylor dialed in a .274 hitting percentage on the day, a direct result of senior setter Julia Fahy gifting hitters with 39 assists. Fahy’s passing clinic allowed three Trojans to tally double-digit kills: Junior Jessi

Arbuckle (12), senior Casey Allen (12), and sophomore Becca Gerig (11).

“The game against Goshen was just so fun to be a part of,” Arbuckle said. “I am a firm believer that when you are having fun, you play better, and we definitely celebrated and played together well.”

While their offense dominated the scoreboard, Taylor’s defense limited Goshen’s marginal attack. Goshen was held to a .083 hitting percentage, which helped freeze their set wins at zero. Junior Alex Reel led Taylor’s back row with a game-high 16 digs.

“Our back row defense is relentless,” head coach Holly Motheral said. “It is

tough to get a ball down against them when they are in position. Our blocking also stepped up big time which we have been inconsistent with all season, so that was very encouraging.”

Taylor’s win over Goshen snapped a three-game skid in conference play. Taylor (8–9, 5–4 CL) faced a tough first round of their conference schedule, but enters the second round with a three-game sweep in their pocket.

“First round of conference definitely had its ups and downs, but I am very excited going into this second round of conference with a win over Goshen,” Motheral said. “The key will be to get everyone healthy and continue to play aggressive, disciplined volleyball.”

A win over Spring Arbor on Wednesday night improved the Trojans’ record to 9–9 and 6–4 in the Crossroads League. Taylor volleyball looks to dominate again when they face Saint Francis at home on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

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Trojans boot Bethel in conference win

Yescott leads Taylor to victory with two goals

Casey Allen
Contributor

After accumulating five consecutive wins against Bethel, the Taylor women’s soccer team battled with the Pilots for the sixth time and came away with a 3–2 victory.

Sophomore Megan Kammer scored on Bethel in the tenth minute of the game. Not only was Kammer’s crushing 30-yard shot the first goal of the game, it was also her first goal of the season.

“That was a great moment,” said head coach Scott Stan.

Sophomore Hadlee Yescott and junior Shelbi Lowe were a dynamic pair against the Pilots. Two minutes into the second half, Lowe passed to Yescott, who struck and sent the ball flying into the back of Bethel’s net.

Despite their 2–0 lead, the Trojans continued to fight to get past the Pilot’s defense. Only three minutes later, Yescott and Lowe were at it again.

“With Bethel, it’s usually a close game. They work hard but we always match up well with them and are able to get wins.”

After another flawless pass from Lowe, Yescott scored on the Pilots for the second time in five minutes.

“In the second half the girls were much more disciplined about

waiting and not crossing half until the pass was made,” Stan said. “That’s how Shelbi found Hadlee for those two goals.”

Just as it seemed the game was a certain victory for the Trojans, Bethel rallied. The Pilots found their way past the Trojans’ defense twice. Suddenly, the Trojans found themselves only leading by one goal and the team stepped it up.

The Trojans fought hard and held off the Pilots for 26 minutes and allowed only one shot attempt from Bethel, which the Taylor goalkeeper, freshman Lauren Engelkes stopped, almost effortlessly. The clock finally ran out and the Trojans defeated the Pilots 3–2.

“With Bethel, it’s usually a close game,” Stan said. “They work hard but we always match up well with them and are able to get wins.”

Come support the Trojans at Turner Stadium this Saturday evening at 7 p.m. as they take on the Goshen Maple Leafs.

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Senior Courtney Selle prepares to kick the ball down field for the Trojans.



Athlete of the Week

Matt Hall

Year	Junior
Hometown	Crete, Illinois
Position	This is cross country . . . haha
Favorite quote	“Always go the extra mile. It’s never crowded.” - Anonymous
Funniest teammate	Aaron Crull
Favorite pump up song	“March to the Sea” by Twenty One Pilots

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